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ARREST MADE IN LOGAN HEIGHTS MURDER

(**San Diego**) The San Diego Police Department announces the arrest of 20-year-old David S. Flores for the murder of 18-year-old Martin Omar de la Torre which occurred yesterday at 6:13 p.m.

Yesterday, officers received a radio call of a shooting in the 800 block of South 30th Street. The caller stated that they heard the sound of gunfire, and believed that a victim was injured in front of their home. Responding officers found Mr. de la Torre suffering from an apparent gunshot wound on the sidewalk in front of the above address. The victim did not survive the injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene at 6:25 p.m.

David Flores was identified as the driver of a green 4-door Honda that fled the scene immediately after the shooting. Two additional suspects were said to have exited Flores' vehicle during a verbal confrontation with the victim prior to the gunfire. Flores was arrested in his vehicle, near the intersection of 39th Street and Gamma Street approximately three miles away from the murder scene. Detectives are attempting to identify and locate the two remaining suspects. Flores was also identified as the suspect responsible for a violent altercation on a local freeway about 20-30 minutes prior to the murder. In that incident (being investigated by CHP) Flores and several occupants of his vehicle are accused of shooting at a passing motorist. The motivation for that attack is not known at this time.

Anyone with information about these incidents is asked to contact SDPD Homicide at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.